



# Family

## West Chicago Church of Christ

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### A Preacher's Perspective

The city is full of destructive forces. As the psalmist wrote, "threats and lies never leave its streets." (Psalm 55:11) This phenomenon is neither new nor American. Wherever men have come together in cities there has been a tendency to become impressed with themselves and to forget the sovereign power of God.

It was at the Tower of Babel that God decided to divide men by language because of the danger of their efforts together. It's obvious they were not in harmony with God nor were they committed to things which would bless men. And so it continues.

In the Book of Hosea, God reveals His plan to "allure [Israel], and bring her into the wilderness, and speak tenderly to her."

(Hosea 2:14) God remembers fondly the days when the people wandered in the wilderness with Him. In those days, their relationship with Him was like that of a young bride with her new husband.

But the corruption of the land is great and the hearts of the people no longer seek after God, in the days of Hosea. The cities are God's target and represent the apostate condition of those whom He loves.

Those of us who live in Chicago are blessed to be

in a beautiful city. Our lakefront is full of the glories of men. Architecture. Entertainment. River walks. Public recreation. These are the fruits of man's imagination and they are wonderful.

But they have a greatly different impact, at least on me, than the beauty and majesty of Yosemite Valley. The soaring scale of the sheer granite cliffs, the magnificent redwoods and firs, and the timelessness of their creation all speak of a greater builder than any city could boast of.

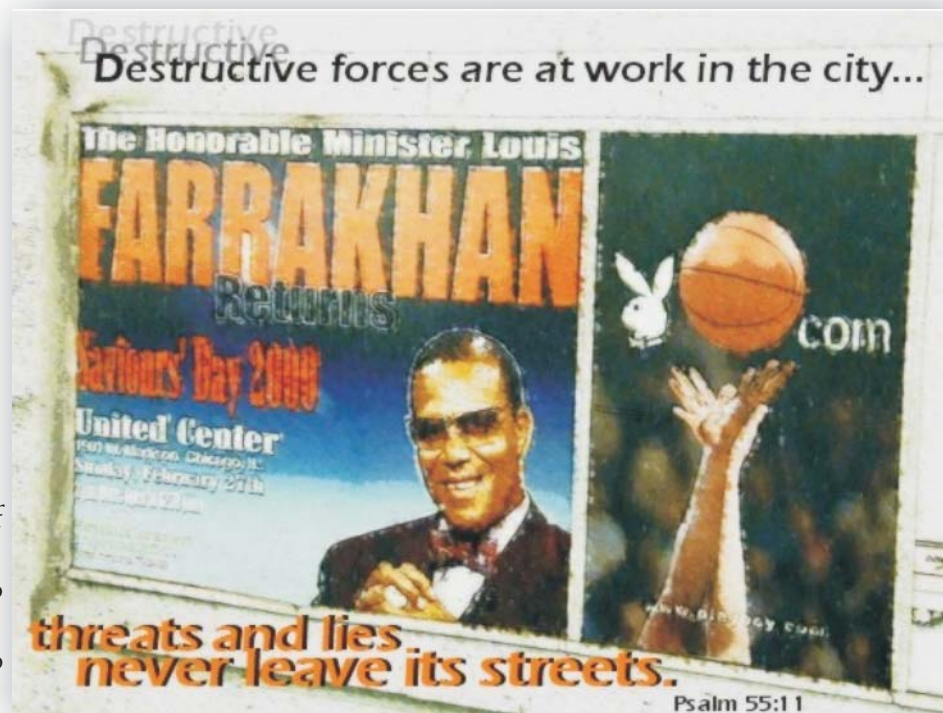
(By the way, be watching tonight for the beginning of Ken Burns' new series on our national parks on PBS.)

As we look to the heavens, as we embrace the redwoods and rest on their huge roots, we find a kinship with the Creator which speaks to the very soul.

As Psalm 19 announces in its opening lines, "the heavens are telling the glory

of God, and the firmament shows His handiwork." He continues, "there is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard." God's glorious creation continues to speak very eloquently in our day as it has to all the great civilizations of history.

When the souls of men are anchored in a worshipful relationship with God, they are better equipped to reject the lies and destructive forces of the city. Even a beautiful one, like ours.



Chuck Miller

# Welcome to the West Chicago Church of Christ

If you are visiting with us, we especially want to welcome you. We pray our time together worshipping our Father in heaven will be uplifting and encouraging. You are an honored guest and we want to thank you for being a part of our worship this morning!

Bible classes are available for all ages. Babies can be taken to the nursery located at the back of the auditorium. Pre-school and elementary-age children meet in classrooms downstairs. Teens meet in the fellowship room downstairs. Adult classes meet in the auditorium and at the end of the foyer.

Our Small Group Fellowship program takes place during the fall, winter and spring months and is on the first and third Sundays of each month in lieu of the Sunday evening worship. If you are interested in joining a Small Group, please speak with one of our Deacons. The Small Group Fellowship schedule does change occasionally due to holidays.

We are planning a weekly web-cast of our Sunday morning auditorium class and worship services. Please follow these instructions:

<http://wcfamily.viewnetcam.com>  
 Username: wcfamily  
 Password: 6302312062  
 Click "SINGLE" tab  
 Allow any Active X controls

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact one of our Elders:

Don Brewster                      Bob Jett  
 Chuck Miller                      Bob Voigts

Our Deacons are:

Justin Avey: Benevolence, Fellowship, Stewardship & Leadership  
 Jay Hearn: Worship & Pulpit, Communications, Outreach, Education, Benevolence  
 Cliff Plummer: Fellowship, Benevolence, Education  
 Curt Robinson: Education, Stewardship & Leadership  
 Rick Root: Communications, Education, Stewardship & Leadership

Sunday Morning Bible Class . . . . . 9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday Morning Worship . . . . . 10:30 a.m.  
 Sunday Evening Worship . . . . . 6:00 p.m.  
 (No evening worship on Small Group Fellowship Sundays)  
 Wednesday Evening Bible Class . . . . . 7:00 p.m.



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## This Morning ...

Please take a moment this morning to fill out an attendance card, especially if you are a guest. Prayer cards are also available in the pew rack. You may choose to have prayers by the elders, a prayer warrior or by the whole church family. If you choose "whole church family" it will be announced following the sermon.

### Order of Worship

Welcome . . . . . Chuck Miller  
 Singing . . . . . Rick Root  
     #376 He Paid a Debt  
 Prayer Updates & Scripture . . . . . Steve Link  
     #716 Sing to Me of Heaven  
     #827 Sweet Hour of Prayer  
 Prayer . . . . . Kenn Watson  
     #414 Anywhere With Jesus  
     #353 One Day  
 Lord's Supper . . . . . Cliff Plummer  
 Contribution and Prayer Card Collection  
 Sermon . . . . . Chuck Miller  
     #947 Jesus is Tenderly Calling  
 Prayer Card Responses and Prayer . . . . . Bob Voigts  
 Announcements . . . . . Steve Link  
     #144 O Worship the King  
 Closing Prayer . . . . . Kyle Wheeler

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

September 28 . . . . . Becky Pedersen  
 October 1 . . . . . Chuck Miller  
 October 2 . . . . . Joan Avey

## Dates to Remember

Today . . . . . Corn Maze/Teens  
 October 1 . . . . . Food Pantry Delivery  
 October 3 . . . . . Elder/Deacon Meeting  
 October 4 . . . . . Small Groups  
 October 5 . . . . . Living Room Café  
 October 8 . . . . . Preachers Breakfast  
 October 8-12 . . . . . Quodesh Teen Leadership Retreat  
 October 18 . . . . . Small Groups  
 October 21 . . . . . Seniors Breakfast  
 October 23-25 . . . . . RCC Teen Retreat  
 October 26 . . . . . Living Room Café  
 November 1 . . . . . Small Groups

## Records You Helped Make

Sunday Morning Bible Class . . . . . 63  
 Sunday Morning Worship . . . . . 97  
 Wednesday Evening Bible Class . . . . . 33  
 Contribution . . . . . \$7,095.86

Nursery Workers . . . . . Theresa & Sabrina Link

Collection Counters . . . . . Mike Henkel, Paul Mullins

## In Our Prayers...

Several of our members and their family and friends are suffering with job issues.

**Herman Aultman, Bobbie Whitman**, had surgery on Thursday to remove his gall bladder and part of his colon due to infection.

**Lisa Beverly, Sandy Boyd's sister**, was diagnosed with MS two years ago. She is still in the initial stage of the disease and is responding very well to her medication.

**Rob & Molly Carris** attend the Cardinal Drive church where Rob is the youth minister. **Molly's dad, Jim Flanigan**, is dying from liver failure after years of alcoholism. **Rob's dad, Bob**, is having a triple-bypass on October 22.

**Harold Carter, the father-in-law of Lynette Root's sister**, is still in the hospital. They are trying to regulate blood thinners before surgery.

**Max, the gentleman that Joyce Eakins** takes care of, is struggling with cancer and is not doing well.

**Bob Jett** is recuperating from outpatient surgery.

**Jackie Milam, Alyssa's mother**, had extensive surgery for cancer. They will have more information soon. She will probably be in the hospital 4-7 days. Alyssa recently graduated from college and lives in Colorado.

### Those suffering with long-term issues:

Justin Avey  
 Paul & Judy Bertrand - Lynette Root's parents  
 Bonnie Bingham  
 Nancy Brewster  
 Jim & Julie Chavez  
 Gail Cole - Lori Plummer's mother  
 John Day  
 Al Dorsey & his son, Doug  
 Joyce Eakins  
 Chad Englebach - Marie Hayes' grandson  
 Sarah Hayden - Maria Zeisler's relative  
 Marie Hayes and her daughter, Sandy Jones  
 Mary Henkel - Mike's mother  
 Kathy Huml - John Pedersen's sister  
 Debbie Lawrence - Bobbie Whitman's niece  
 Don Lemley  
 Anne Librande - Joanne Johnson's mother  
 Steve Link  
 Jack Lockett - father of Charlie, Mike, Julie Chavez,  
 Shelley Prosser, Missy Kissane, & Becky Pedersen  
 Mike Lockett - Joan's son  
 Bobbye Miller  
 Danielle Nichols - Alyssa Milam's cousin  
 Josh Otte - Chris Czernik's nephew and the son of  
 Marion Lake's cousin  
 Doug Peterson  
 Pat Ronzheimer  
 Stacey Schnaitman - daughter of Bev Scalone  
 Kay Schrader  
 Chester & Phyllis Sitler  
 Bruce Snyder and Cindy Stewart - Bob Voigts cousin  
 Barb Tincher - Jake's mother  
 Jim Whitman

### Mothers-to-be:

Lauren Avey - Justin & Joan's daughter-in-law  
 Lizz Bartalone - Doris Biancalana's daughter  
 Bridgette Fordyce - former member

### Armed forces:

Ryan Gleason - Dana Howard's nephew  
 Mike Hagan - Doris Biancalana's nephew in Baghdad  
 Jacob Headtke - U.S. Marines, RCC alumni  
 Shane - the son of LeAnn Sexton, a friend of  
 Lori Plummer  
 Joey Wertz - the friend of Lynette Root's friend, Iraq  
 Chris Yauch - the husband of Wendell & Margaret  
 Mott's granddaughter, Mallory

### Missionaries:

Jarrold, Allison, Soledad & Levi Brown -  
 Honduras (especially the adoption of Soledad)  
 Students of Joe Voigts - China  
 City of Children - Ensenada, Mexico  
 Obadiah Doka & Family - Nigeria  
 Makinde Olufemi - Nigeria  
 Ayodele Waleola - Nigeria  
 Shults-Lewis - the teens, their families, the workers  
 Enoch & Jeannine Thweatt - Taiwan

## Honduras Update

On Tuesday it was reported that the ousted president of Honduras, Manuel Zelaya, returned to the country and is at the Embassy of Brazil. Jarrod Brown reported the following on the Mission Lazarus website on Thursday.

"So, everyone is wondering what is going on in Honduras. Well, we are too. The long 24 hour curfew was lifted today for 5 hours so that folks could leave their homes to buy food. In San Marcos de Colon it's not that big of a deal. It's still business as usual.

We cannot travel too far because there are road blocks in between towns to prevent free circulation. Most of our programs and projects are up and running, maybe not at 100%, but as best as can be expected. So many Hondurans live day to day and what they earn today they consume on food tomorrow. So when you are prohibited to go to work it can have a really dire effect on the family.

For that reason our school teachers, where we provide not only education but 2 meals as well, are committed to being open and attending to the children, totaling more than 500 throughout our 4 schools. This week's political mess has also made it difficult for our medical team to travel to their areas of ministry, however the team has been very flexible in finding ways to make sure that children in the nutrition program receive their much needed food supplies.

The president has announced that the country has a month's worth of fuel on hand. They have also said that the curfew will last indefinitely at this time. All border crossings are closed and all airports have been closed. It's really a weird feeling. No one knows what's going to happen.

The good thing is that in our part of the country everything is peaceful. Please pray for a quick resolution to this mess. Thanks. Jarrod"

Please check [www.missionlazarus.org](http://www.missionlazarus.org) for continual updates on all the many things happening in Honduras!



## Small Group Fellowships

Small Group Fellowships begin in October. See Cliff or Don to sign up to be part of a group, if you have not done so already. Check the bulletin board in the foyer for the lessons that will be covered.

## Magi Boxes

Magi Boxes must be at the church building by next Sunday, October 4. A Magi Box is a simple shoe box, wrapped in Christmas wrapping and packed with toys, hygiene supplies, and clothing. Through Healing Hands International, members of the Churches of Christ distribute these boxes to children in poverty stricken countries. The boxes we prepare are shipped to Mission Lazarus/Honduras.

Check the display in the foyer for more information and for labels to tape to your boxes. **If possible, \$7 should be included with each box to cover the cost of shipping from Healing Hands to Honduras.**

You may make a monetary donation for boxes to be prepared or for shipping expenses. If you have questions or would like to make a donation see Jay or Sally Hearn.



## Chicago Celebration

We will have a special contribution for Chicago Celebration TODAY. The ushers will pass the contribution trays at the end of worship. Also, please check the poster in the foyer for more information regarding the events to be held on Saturday and Sunday, November 14 and 15. You can also check the website, [www.chicagocelebration.org](http://www.chicagocelebration.org).

## SHE

SHE is an event that will be held Friday, October 2, at 7:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Geneva. An evening of ministry, music, and message that embraces a cross generational community of "girls" from pre-teens to grandmothers. Built on the concept of celebrating the beauty of becoming a total 'SHE' woman - safe, healthy and empowered - in every season of life, the conference features Grammy Award winning singer Rebecca St. James and one of contemporary Christian music's pioneers, Evie. For more information go to [www.sheevent.com](http://www.sheevent.com). General admission tickets are \$15. Sign up on the bulletin board in the foyer. See Lori Plummer if you have questions.

## Wednesday Night Ladies Class

The Wednesday Night Ladies Class is studying themes in Proverbs. Hope to see you there!

# youth & family news

**TEENS:** This afternoon we're going to the Richardson Corn Maze! You'll need \$10 for the maze and money for lunch. We'll return to the building between 5:30 and 6:00.

**GIRLS:** Sign up in the foyer to attend SHE with Christian pop artist Rebecca St. James this Friday, October 2, in Geneva. Tickets: \$15. See Lori for details.

**PARENTS:** Please sign-up on the sheet in the foyer if you'd like to host a Sunday Night, Light in your home.

**TEENS & ADULTS:** We have opportunities to serve at The Living Room Café: tomorrow, Monday, September 28, and then, October 5 and 26. We'll leave from the building at 2:30 p.m. each of these days. Sign-up on the sheet in the foyer if you can volunteer.

## Wednesday Children's Class

Cindy Drumheller is teaching a Bible class for elementary age kids on Wednesday nights and would love to have your child attend! Or, do you have a friend or neighbor with young children? Invite them to attend the men's or ladies' class with you, and their K-6th grade child can enjoy hearing a Bible story with Cindy.

## We Need Your Photo!

Our Photo Directory needs updated, so we need your photo. Sign up in the foyer for the Sunday you would like to have your photo taken. On that Sunday, go to the end of the foyer after worship for Jay and Rachel Hearn to take your photo. And, please, don't forget to SMILE!

## Bible Class Teacher Substitutes

We need people available as substitutes for our Sunday morning Bible classes. Please see Cliff if you are interested.



**Come join us this evening  
at 6:00 in the fellowship room!**